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Proposed H.B. No. 5381 AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES PRIOR TO THE SUSPENSION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

Good morning Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrera, Senator Boucher, Representative Scribner and other members of the Transportation Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on proposed H.B. No. 5381, AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES PRIOR TO THE SUSPENSION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

The Department has concerns about this proposed legislation. The concept as raised does not accurately reflect the current Department process. The Department does not suspend a person's registration due to compliance issues. Compliance issues, such as a failure to pay property tax on a motor vehicle or failing to pay an emissions late fee, may result in the Department's failure to renew a registration that has come due, which is every two years. When the renewal notice for the registration is sent out, it specifies clearly at the top of the renewal what compliance issues are outstanding, and indicates that if they are not resolved, the registration will not be renewed. Registration documents are sent at least forty-five days before a person's registration will expire, affording that person ample notice of the compliance issue(s).

The Department does have occasion to suspend registrations based upon a registrant's violation of a statute requiring the suspension, including the insurance compliance laws. The Department always sends a suspension notice and provides the opportunity for a hearing, affording the registrant due process prior to the suspension.

Thank you again for allowing me to testify on this proposed legislation.